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18	City of Blakely re-establishes police department after 18 years	5:00 PM	10/1/ 2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>BLAKELY, Ga (WDHN)-- Currently the Early County Sheriff's Office serves all residents in the city and county, but that's about to change with the development of its own police department. The city has not had its own in several years.</p> <p>"You have twice the security and twice the people to help you in the country and in the city and I think it's a good idea," said Blakely resident Linda Kay McCormick.</p> <p>"Two heads are better than one," said Blakely resident Walter Renson.</p> <p>Blakely residents are looking forward to more police officers patrolling their streets.</p> <p>The city has been in its current law enforcement arrangement for 18 years but its agreement with the Early County Sheriff's Department no longer applies with state statute, which is one of the reasons the city has re-established its own police department.</p> <p>"Another reason is we try to listen to our citizens and they are telling us they want to see more law enforcement in the neighborhoods, they want to see</p>

					<p>more effective law enforcement," said Blakely Mayor Anthony Howard.</p> <p>Mayor Howard says the best way to serve citizens is to go back to the traditional police department.</p> <p>"I feel every community needs to feel safe. We have kids, we have elderly folks. You know its a sense of calm and peaceful nature that someone's out here watching just to protect you and serve," said Renson.</p> <p>"The police department can take of business in town and the sheriff's office can focus on the county and I thank it's a good idea to have the double exposure," said McCormick.</p> <p>This has opened up several opportunities with about 18 to 20 positions to be filled including Chief of Police.</p> <p>"We're offering employment to members of the sheriff's office who want to come over and not lose benefits they currently have cause we don't want to see anyone lose their job because of this change. We don't anticipate any loss of jobs," said Mayor Howard.</p> <p>Mayor Howard said its been proven over time that a</p>
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						<p>traditional police department serves a needed function in a community.</p> <p>"We look for that to be the situation with our community," said Howard. "It's going to be positive because we're going into a new facility with a new department I think people are going to be excited about it."</p> <p>The city marshal is serving as interim police chief until the position is filled.</p> <p>City officials will accept applications for police chief until October 20th.</p> <p>Certified officers are to apply for the new force by October 30th.</p>
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18	Police investigate 2 dead bodies found in Troy over the weekend	5:00 PM	10/1/ 2018	:45	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>The Troy Police Department is investigating two dead bodies found over the weekend. On Saturday, September 29 officers responded to the 900 block of Academy Street.</p> <p>There they discovered the body of 19-year-old Aleysia Rag'uel Pierre-Louis deceased inside her residence at The Arch Apartments.</p> <p>The cause of death is not known at this time.</p> <p>Additionally, Troy Police discovered the body thought to be that of 33-year-old Kathryn</p>

						<p>Louise Davis who was reported missing last Wednesday in a wooded area on Pike County Road 1128.</p> <p>Both bodies were taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Science for autopsies.</p>
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18	Victims of domestic violence can find hope at "A Change in Me" seminar	5:00 PM	10/1/2018	:25	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>"A Change in Me" Domestic Violence Seminar Saturday, October 20 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center - Dothan, AL Tickets: \$40 Lunch provided</p> <p>For more information, contact Que'nona Guilford at (334) 446-8281 or email qstouchbyque@gmail.com</p>

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18	Enterprise police investigate reports of damage to occupied businesses	5:00 PM	10/2/2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>ENTERPRISE, Ala. (WDHN) — The Enterprise Police Department is investigating multiple reports of Criminal Mischief, one incident occurred on Oct. 1 between 5 and 10 p.m. at Ed Sherling Ford.</p> <p>The dealership took to Facebook to post a photo of shattered glass writing, "help us find the person that has been shooting out our windows...one window and a door tonight".</p> <p>"The second time the cleaning crew was here and just really we heard glass shatter. We thought that the window had been shot</p>

					<p>out," said Adam Seagers, Ed Sherling Ford sales manager.</p> <p>Several businesses reported that an unknown suspect broke exterior windows of their businesses, causing thousands of dollars in damages.</p> <p>The recent string of crimes has caused some residents to be concerned about their safety.</p> <p>"I've been shopping at Piggly Wiggly, I trade business there," Enterprise resident Whitney Wadsworth said. "I trade business at Verizon and everywhere else and when I heard this going on it was really devastating because I don't know if we're safe in Enterprise. Some of the people that work at the businesses tell me they're scared to come to work,"</p> <p>"It's a little concerning I have several children. we just moved to the area and still getting to know it we haven't been here too long," Enterprise resident Shelley Leggett said.</p> <p>Businesses have reported that Petsense, Piggly Wiggly and Verizon Wireless are some of the others that have been targeted.</p> <p>Police have not confirmed what exactly caused the damage to the businesses and have not identified a suspect.</p> <p>No injuries have been reported at this time.</p> <p>The Enterprise Police Department is asking anyone</p>
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18	Dale County goes online for pistol permit applications	5:00 PM	10/2/ 2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>OZARK, Ala. (WDHN) — The Dale County Sheriff's Office has a new way for you to apply for a pistol permit. Starting Monday, the pistol permit process is available online. All you have to do is visit www.daleso.com and click on the permit tab and follow the steps.</p> <p>Once the background check is complete, the Dale County Sheriff's Office will mail your permit to the address you provide on the form. It should take around 30 business days to process the application.</p> <p>There is also a kiosk set up in the lobby Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. for those who want to stop by the office.</p> <p>"We had a lot of people asking about it, and it's more of a convenience thing," Deputy Mason Bynum said. "A lot of people work during the day and aren't able to come during our office hours, so when you've got it online, you know, you can access it 24/7."</p> <p>Permits can be issued up to five times a year.</p>

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18	Dothan sales tax revenue up since 2017	5:00 PM	10/2/ 2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) Things continue to look up for the city of Dothan.</p> <p>A look at the city's financial records shows that the sales tax revenue for the 2018 fiscal year is high than what it was in 2017.</p> <p>The city budget had planned for revenue to be at \$62.2 million, but instead, the city raked in almost \$67 million. This amount is \$1 million higher than what the city earned in the last fiscal year, which totaled to nearly \$66 million.</p> <p>Still, it does seem that the annual rate of growth has slowed a bit. 2016 and 2017 both had annual rates of growth around \$2 million.</p> <p>As for the city's lodging tax collection, it's also increased by a considerable amount, \$514,683.86, just around 200,000 less than 2017's rate of growth.</p>

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18	Blakely animals to be euthanized if not adopted	5:00 PM	10/3/ 2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>BLAKELY, Ga.-- Animals in Blakely will soon be euthanized, due to overcrowding, if not adopted.</p> <p>State law allows the Blakely Animal Control facility to only house 40 animals at a time.</p> <p>The city-owned facility is a short-term home for Blakely's abandoned animals, though many have been at the location for months.</p>

						<p>Abandoned animals continue to be a growing problem in the city.</p> <p>To save the lives of the animals, families would need to adopt or provide foster homes for them.</p> <p>Tuesday night, Blakely city officials offered a short extension from euthanasia, allowing the animals to remain at the facility until adopted.</p> <p>To help or to adopt an animal contact the Blakely Animal Control at (229) 724- 7474.</p>
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18	Community finds solutions for Homelessness in Dothan	5:00 PM	10/3/ 2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>(WDHN) Dothan, Ala.- Community members and leaders meet on Tuesday to discuss homelessness in the city of Dothan.</p> <p>"How do we help those that find no hope and how do we help those if they just have a little bit of help they can get a job and they can find a place to live," said Mayor of Dothan Mark Saliba.</p> <p>From the research found in a recent survey a main concern stemmed from not having enough transportation in order</p>

					<p>for people who are looking or have jobs to get to work.</p> <p>Mayor Mark Saliba feel that this has to become a community effort in order to meet this need.</p> <p>"It may be apart something that the city can play a function and a role in our non profits our faith based entities and groups coming together transportation is always an issue we have to get creative on how we can come together and work together and do that," said Saliba.</p> <p>Another major issue was the people who are almost faced near homelessness has become a giant population in the city.</p> <p>"They last two weeks in a motel and then there homeless for two weeks," said executive director of The Harbor Kody Kirchhoff.</p> <p>"We talked about the need for more low low to moderate income housing in the city, to low low income housing who are surviving by motels."</p> <p>Kirchhoff says that its gonna take people in order to decrease the homelessness population in the city.</p> <p>"Every success story that we had talk about numerous people</p>
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						<p>in the community who were touching their lives walking them through as we go," said Kirchhoff.</p> <p>"So therefore we need people more and more volunteers who will help there part to help touch the lives and walk them through."</p> <p>Here are agencies that you can contribute to to help fight against homelessness in Dothan.</p> <p>The Harbor- theharbordothon.org (334)790-4031</p> <p>The Ark Dothan- thearkdothan.org (334)794-7223</p> <p>Love in Action International Ministries- loveinactionministries.com (334)494-4995</p> <p>Wiregrass 2-1-1 - wiregrass211.com (334)836-1963</p>
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18	Wiregrass Commons to	5:00 PM	10/4/ 2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) — Wiregrass Commons Mall is implementing a new policy for children under 18. It's called the Youth Escort policy.

	put new restrictions on minors in stores					<p>From six to nine on Friday and Saturday nights, if you are below the ages of 18, you must have a parent or guardian with you at all time in the mall.</p> <p>The plan will allow retailers to give service to their customers without any disruptions.</p> <p>"We just want our shoppers to be able to come in and shop, and we really did not want to have to address those issues any longer," general manager Lori Wilcoxon said. "We felt like it was the best thing for the property and for the merchants to be able to serve the customers and focus on what they do."</p> <p>The plan will go into effect Oct. 12.</p>
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18	Level Plains citizens ask for more action against police chief	5:00 PM	10/5/ 2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>LEVEL PLAINS, Ala. (WDHN) — Level Plains police Chief Billy Driggers was arrested Thursday for allegedly masturbating in view of women and children, and citizens are upset over the news. Many of them are embarrassed that something like this has brought negative attention to the town, calling the police chief foolish for his actions and feel trust has been broken.</p> <p>"To me, it's not good at all, especially with children around here, and he's supposed to protect and serve," resident Kim Bush said. "That's not good at all because, in my opinion, children are supposed to look up to him, and he's not doing good at all."</p> <p>According to Panama City Beach police, Driggers was also</p>

						<p>seen following women at the condominium, and surveillance footage showed Driggers entering an elevator three times, wearing only a pair of shorts and fondling himself in front of women and children.</p> <p>Driggers has been placed on administrative leave without pay by the city of Level Plains. Bush and others feel more should be done.</p> <p>"I don't think he should have a job period, and I don't know how true it is, but I done heard he's been fired in other counties as well," Bush said. "To know that he got hired here, yeah they should've done a better background check, and he shouldn't have a job here period."</p> <p>"It makes it look like nobody has done complete background checks," resident Belinda Collins said. "That's something that needs to be done, even periodically. You know, maybe he would've been caught before now, but I'm just glad he got caught."</p> <p>Driggers has been charged with four counts of disorderly conduct and has now been transported to the Bay County Jail.</p>
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18	Blakely Residents: No relief from city	5:00 PM	10/5/ 2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	BLAKELY, Ga.-- Some residents in the City of Blakely are paying over \$700 a month for their bill. Several of them contacted WDHN News explaining how the increasing dollar amount doesn't just put a dent in their wallets, but also hinders their way of life.

	for high utility bill					<p>Citizens of Blakely took to Facebook in hopes of having their voices heard.</p> <p>"My light bill is \$697 this month," said on Blakely resident. "Mine was high too,\$560," said another resident.</p> <p>"It hinders a lot you can't do anything but pay a light bill almost," said Blakely resident Dereck Tharp.</p> <p>The City of Blakely is a member of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia Power System which utilizes electronic metering and provides other services for customers.</p> <p>City clerk Melinda Crook said that many of the issues are due to a glitch in the city's new billing software and storm damage to its meters.</p> <p>"You have to pay a \$760 light bill or \$360 dollars that's a car note. So you see what dealing with here in Blakely," said Tharp.</p> <p>Some residents say the reason their bill is so high is because of the added fees.</p> <p>"If you don't pay it by the 10th you have to pay \$60. If I don't have \$600 how am I going to</p>
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					<p>pay \$660 on top of that," Blakely resident Faye Price.</p> <p>"They know that the citizens can't afford it they need to stay closer to the rates that they're charging including garbage disposal fees," said Blakely resident Jeffery Haynes.</p> <p>City Clerk Crook says the city offers options such as free energy audits and financial assistance and that is there is a concern, to contact City Hall where they will do whatever they can to help.</p> <p>But residents said they have done just that and it doesn't get them anywhere.</p> <p>"I just never understood it cause I'm never home. How can it fluctuate? That's what we've been asking from the mayor and everyone else and we never get those answers," said Blakely resident Dereck Ceasar.</p> <p>"Council says all they have to do is to bring it to city hall and they will get relief. There are people that follow procedure and they still can't get relief in site," said Haynes.</p> <p>The Blakely City Council meets the first Tuesday of every month and residents said they will be at</p>
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						its next meeting to address the issue on November 6th.
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18	Hurricane Michael: Keeping your pets safe during the storm	5:00 PM	10/8/ 2019	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>As Hurricane Michael continues moving toward Florida and communities start to issue evacuation orders, the Humane Society is reminding everyone to take care of their pets during the storm.</p> <p>In the Tampa Bay area, a mandatory evacuation order has been issued in part of Citrus County. Hernando County has issued a voluntary evacuation order for some residents.</p> <p>People who are evacuating are being reminded to take their pets with them and be prepared with pet supplies in your disaster kit.</p> <p>"If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your pets," the Humane Society says on its website.</p> <p>"Pets left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost or killed."</p> <p>They also urge pet owners to act early if they decide to evacuate.</p> <p>"Some people who have waited to be evacuated by emergency officials have been told to leave their pets behind. The smell of smoke or the sound of high winds or thunder may make your pet more fearful and difficult to load into a crate or carrier. Evacuating before conditions become severe will keep everyone safer and make the process less stressful."</p> <p>The Humane Society recommends having enough food and water for each pet for at least five days. You should also bring bowls and a manual</p>

					<p>can opener if you're packing canned pet food. Any pet medication should also be packed in the kit, as well as all medical records, including vaccination history.</p> <p>When you evacuate with your pet, you should make sure they are wearing a collar with tags for identification. The Humane Society says microchipping your pet is ideal for ID because collars can easily be removed.</p> <p>Other items to have in your disaster kit include a pet first aid kit, a litter box with extra litter and a scoop, a leash, a harness, a carrier and current photos of you and your pet. You can also include items like a pet bed or special toy to help reduce their stress.</p> <p>If you plan on evacuating and going to a shelter, the Humane Society says you should call ahead to make sure the shelter will be pet-friendly.</p> <p>Alternatives to staying in a shelter include pet-friendly hotels and motels or bringing your pet to stay with a trusted friend or family member. You can also check to see what boarding options are available at local kennels, your veterinarian's office or even a local animal shelter.</p> <p>If you decide to stay home and wait out the storm, make sure you do so safely and have a safe area in your home where you can all stay together. The Humane Society urges you to close off any unsafe nooks and crannies where scared pets may try to hide.</p> <p>You can learn more about disaster preparedness for your pet on the Humane Society website.</p>
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18	Price gouging may be an issue during Hurricane Michael, AG warns	5:00 PM	10/9/ 2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>MONTGOMERY, Ala. (WDHN) — Attorney General Steve Marshall released a statement Tuesday warning people of any price gougers seeking to take advantage of the desperate conditions that may follow Hurricane Michael.</p> <p>"Alabamians should be cautious of those who would seek to prey upon them through crimes such as price gouging and home repair fraud," Marshall said.</p> <p>At 3:00 p.m. Monday, Gov. Kay Ivey declared a state of emergency for Alabama as Hurricane Michael may cause power outages and debris caused by its heavy rains and winds</p> <p>Alabama's price gouging law prevents people from profiting from any bad weather conditions when the governor make such a declaration. Any price that is above 25 percent or more the average local price charged the previous 30 days is considered illegal.</p> <p>Unless the cost can be justified with valid reasons, price gougers can face fines up to \$1,000 for every violation and even be prohibited to practice business in Alabama if they repeatedly broke this law.</p> <p>Anyone with complaints about fraud or illegal price gouging can call the Attorney General's Consumer Interest Division, file a complaint on the Attorney General's website, or submit a written complaint to 501</p>

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18	President Trump approves disaster declaration for Florida ahead of Michael	5:00 PM	10/9/ 2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p><i>President Donald J. Trump Approves Florida Emergency Declaration</i></p> <p><i>Today, President Donald J. Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of Florida and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Michael beginning on October 7, 2018, and continuing.</i></p> <p><i>The President's action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe.</i></p> <p><i>Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the</i></p>

						<p><i>emergency. Debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent Federal funding in the counties of Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Hamilton, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance will be provided at 75 percent funding in the counties of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Escambia, Gilchrist, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Lafayette, Levy, Manatee, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Union, Walton, and Washington.</i></p> <p><i>Brock Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Thomas J. McCool as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas.</i></p> <p><i>FOR FURTHER INFORMATION MEDIA SHOULD CONTACT: FEMA NEWS DESK AT (202) 646-3272 OR FEMA-NEWS-DESK@FEMA.DHS.GOV</i></p>
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18	Outages could last as long as a few days, Wiregrass Electric warns	5:00 PM	10/10 /2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>We have just received a call from Wiregrass Electric Cooperative detailing their repair plans following the storm. Brad Kimbro, chief operating officer, told us that Wiregrass Electric has brought in 120 additional men from other co-ops in the state in preparation for the storm, giving them a total workforce of 180 men.</p> <p>Kimbro also said that power outages may last as long as a few hours to a few days. Once the storm has passed enough for conditions to be said, the company will deploy crews to help restore power.</p> <p>Wiregrass Electric's territory goes from Florala to the Georgia State Line.</p>
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18	Alabama Power to send between 600 to 700 contract crews for hurricane relief	5:00 PM	10/10 /2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- It has been reported that Alabama Power will be mobilizing between 600 and 700 contract crews to the southeast area of the state to support Alabama Power teams already on the ground.</p> <p>The crews are staging closer to where the storm is expected to cause damage. Because of the magnitude of the category 4 hurricane, damage is likely to affect substations, transmission lines and distribution lines. The winds and rains are expected to bring down trees and tree limbs onto power lines and would cause flooding in some areas.</p> <p>Teams at Alabama Power's Plant Farley Nuclear Plant near Dothan are prepared for the storm. Southern Company subsidiary Southern nuclear,</p>

						which operates Plant Farley on behalf of Alabama Power, is reducing power of two units as safety measure. Safety systems at nuclear power plants are designed to withstand significant hazardous events.
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18	Need help contacting friend or relative in Panhandle?	5:00 PM	10/12 /2018	:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>PANAMA CITY, Fla.– Due to ongoing serious communication issues in the Florida Panhandle after Hurricane Michael, the Florida National Guard has launched a website where people who may be worried about someone else can file a report.</p> <p>Those who visit the website can report what county the person they are looking for is located, as well as other vital information including the type of safety issue that may be at hand.</p> <p>Those issues may include a medical emergency, entrapment, a missing person or someone who is running out of medication or oxygen supply.</p> <p>To access the website, click here.</p>

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18	Dothan-Houston County EMA Director:	5:00 PM	10/19 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) -- If you're still without power in Houston County, EMA Director Chris Judah asks for your patience--he says slowly but surely, it's starting to come back, but the countless amount of trees down are forcing crews to have to cut their way into some</p>

	Roads are still dangerous, power may be out until Tuesday					<p>of the harder hit areas before they can work on removing trees from power lines then restoring the power.</p> <p>"The roads are still dangerous, there are still power lines on the roads. Please, slow down, and be cautious of your environment," Judah explained.</p> <p>Judah says for some of the harder hit areas, it could be into Monday or Tuesday before power is back on.</p> <p>If you are seeking shelter, Judah asks that you call 211 for information. There are shelters available for those that have left the Panhandle or are displaced from the Wiregrass. Judah stressed--don't call 911 unless you have a true emergency.</p> <p>Judah says the biggest thing to know is that power crews are here, and are working around the clock to help the area.</p> <p>If you are looking for a generator for your home, Judah recommends checking with Home Depot or Lowes, as they should be getting more stock in today.</p>
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18	DESPERATE FOR HELP: Local couple begs for aid after	5:00 PM	10/19 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) — James and Charlene Davis are praying and pleading for help after Hurricane Michael knocked over a tree that destroyed part of their mobile home.</p> <p>"This is not livable," Charlene said. "This is</p>

	hurricane destroys home				<p>not livable for nobody. I do need help."</p> <p>According to Charlene, the damage was catastrophic.</p> <p>"We barely heard the wind, but we heard the tree," Charlene Davis said. "It just totally demolished our trailer. ... We can't take a bath. You got to be a (little person) to get in there, but all my cabinets are kicked out, and the only where we got that didn't mess up was our so-called little bedroom over there."</p> <p>To make matters worse, the couple has been robbed multiple times. They are unable to leave their home because it is the only place where they can store all their belongings.</p> <p>"We got nothing else to live in," James Davis said. "We can't afford nothing because we on disability, and we need help. Anybody out there got a trailer that they can donate, we can fix it up and have a place to live."</p> <p>They are asking for any help to repair or move them into a new mobile camper.</p> <p>If you would like to help this family, you can email us at news@wdhn.com for more information.</p>
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18	Major farming losses across Wiregrass, says EMA director	5:00 PM	10/24 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>In the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, there are a lot of people who are devastated after experiencing catastrophic destruction, however, EMA Director, Chris Judah, wants residents to know that they are still in the process of seeing if the Wiregrass qualifies for assistance, but he also wants people to keep the farmers in their thoughts.</p> <p>"Everything that is and can be done is being done to do assessments to see where we're at, see what the damage is, and to see what if, any assistance can come from the federal government," Judah says.</p> <p>While Judah wants to ensure everyone the EMA is doing all they can to help provide relief, he also reminds everyone to think about the farmers who suffered major damages to their crops because of Hurricane Michael.</p> <p>"We've had tens of millions of dollars in crops: peanuts, cotton, and timber that have been destroyed or damaged that will affect our economy here in the Wiregrass," Judah says.</p> <p>He's also asking Wiregrass residents to realize that this affects everyone and that we need to help them find assistance in every way possible.</p> <p>"There's a domino effect, you can't just replant timber, plus they've had also one of the best cotton crops that they've had in years, that's ruined," Judah says, "on the peanut side,</p>

						<p>they've got to get it to the facilities to process those, some of those facilities are no longer in business or damaged, so they're having to look for other avenues, which drives up fuel cost."</p> <p>Judah says that the EMA is still in the process of seeing if the Dothan and Houston County area qualifies for assistance.</p> <p>"Some of them do have crop insurance but that only covers certain things, and there are only certain amounts that come out of that, it will not replace what they have," Judah says, "that assistance is not to make you whole again, it's to help you get started again, and we're still in the process of seeing what if anything we're qualified to get from that."</p> <p>Judah also says that the EMA along with the governor's office, and the U.S Department of Agriculture are working together to ensure that whatever assistance they're qualified for will be coming this way to help those affected by Hurricane Michael.</p>
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18	DCS parents say they have unanswered questions and	5:00 PM	11/9/ 2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	With the DCS School Board soon about to vote on which restructuring plan they intend to implement next school year, some parents feel their voices regarding the future of their children still have not been heard.

concerns regarding school restructuring					<p>Several parents reached out to WDHN News wanting to express their concerns.</p> <p>When DCS superintendent Dr. Phyllis Edwards first announced potential rearrangement scenarios for the newly structured school system this past August, the logistics of how the plan would be carried out concerned several parents.</p> <p>Melissa Faulk is just one of those concerned DCS parents. "I just don't see how moving the same children to different buildings and putting them in a smaller space is really going to solve the problem. I just can't get on board with tearing apart two of the top ten elementary schools in the state. I just can't see the logistics behind it. I just feel like we are short cutting the process, short changing the children and I would just like to slow down and be a little more transparent," said Faulk.</p> <p>Initially there were a handful of different restructuring scenarios on the table. Now parents tell WDHN News that it has been narrowed down to just two options, which the school board plans to vote on November 26.</p> <p>Katrina Cooper is another concerned parent who has two children who attend DCS magnet schools. "My major concern is why so many changes in such a short amount of time? I feel as if the school board is not listening to the community. I don't think they have taken in how this could affect the community. Not just businesses, but since this whole thing has come to be, several people have pulled their kids out of school and there are lots of parents who I have spoken with who are considering home schooling or private schooling so there's going to be a great deal</p>
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					<p>of students that are going to be pulled out of the system due to the change and there's no good reason for the change."</p> <p>Since this past summer, one school board member tells WDHN News there have been at least a half a dozen community listening sessions for parents held with the superintendent, principals and staff.</p> <p>Additionally, there are more than 300 parent submitted questions posted on the DCS website that have been answered by the school board, but despite these communication efforts, some parents still feel like this process has been rushed and that all of their questions have not been fully addressed.</p> <p>Ben Armstrong is a former DCS school board member and he too is a DCS parent who has unanswered questions. "The issue of the consolidation of the two high schools came up twice while I was on the school board and one of the big things was how are you going to fit that many children into the two buildings that we have right now and at one time I think the bottom line...the cost was going to be somewhere in the 30 million dollar range so I know it initially started out as a discussion related to cost savings because we would be able to close some buildings, but when you start thinking about the cost of the new infrastructure and additional space, you just wonder is there truly going to be a savings or is it going to end up being a burden on taxpayers," stated Armstrong.</p>
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18	Southeast Health shares ways to cope with holiday depression	5:00 PM	11/15 /2018	4:00	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 6:00 AM	Thanksgiving and Christmas are supposed to be joyous occasions, but for some who may have recently lost a loved one or experienced a recent divorce, the holidays may be a struggle. Licensed clinical social worker, Brent Eubanks, with Southeast Health shares ways to deal with depression this holiday season and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of the mental illness.

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18	Mayor Melton speaks on being stripped of powers by Gordon town council	5:00 PM	11/15 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	(WDHN) Gordon, Ala- Mayor Elbert Melton spoke for the first time since his power as mayor has been stripped from him from the town council. The town council stripped Melton of his power at the October meeting after frustration mounted from citizens and the town council. "I've seen that and read up in the paper but I don't know how much power and truth to what they are saying because ain't nobody gives me nothing," said Melton. "As far as the books and everything I mean they can't do that..... I am the mayor of Gordon." Melton was also accused of stealing water from town citizens

						<p>who needed it after Hurricane Michael which he denied.</p> <p>"I told the county you need to get your evidence together before you try to accuse me of stealing water because I don't steal anything," said Melton. "They said to come up there to Dothan and talk with me but after I thought about it and I decided that I'm not going anywhere."</p> <p>"If they got anything they will come get me and so they kind of found out that I didn't steal no water," said Melton.</p> <p>"I don't know why they would make those accusations but that's what was said."</p>
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18	Community mourns death of Samson High School varsity football player	5:00 PM	11/19 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>SAMSON, Ala. (WDHN) — Students are out for the Thanksgiving holiday including those at Samson High School. While the Samson halls are empty right now, when students resume classes after the break, one will not be there. The news of the sudden death of a Samson High School Junior has devastated the small community.</p> <p>"I don't even know what to say right now ... I wish we had another one on one basketball game again bud because I sure do miss that," a friend expressed on his Facebook page.</p>

					<p>Friends, teammates, and school staff took to Facebook over the loss of number 62 on the varsity football team, 16-year-old William Tidwell.</p> <p>The teenager lost his life in an accident on Saturday, Nov. 17, north of Ozark in Dale County. A driver in a truck, pulling a trailer with a forklift, collided with the teen, causing his death.</p> <p>Alabama Law Enforcement Agency is investigating the accident.</p> <p>Those who knew Tidwell are in disbelief.</p> <p>"My experience started at the elementary school when I taught fifth grade," said Samson Middle School Principal Edie Hand. "He was very popular. Again, he just made himself well-known. He always wanted to meet and greet everyone."</p> <p>"I would see him in the hall talked to him just about every day ... always has a smile on his face," said Samson High School Principal Bo Adams.</p> <p>School staff said William was an exceptional student, participating in the G-Tech Program, learning how to become a welder and being a member of the FFA.</p> <p>"Very sociable and very outgoing," Hand said.</p> <p>He loved watching Alabama football and working with his dad.</p> <p>When school resumes after Thanksgiving break, there will be plenty of support for students.</p> <p>"We want to let our students know that we're grieving with them and we're going to go through this together," Adams said. "There will be counselors available to talk with students."</p>
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18	<p>BREAKING: DCS approves Scenario 5, merging Dothan and Northview high schools</p>	<p>5:00 PM</p>	<p>11/26 /2018</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00</p>	<p>UPDATE: DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) — In a 5-2 vote, the board has voted on Scenario 5, merging Dothan and Northview High School.</p> <p>The scenario will combine grades K-6th, 7-9th will be at the current Dothan High School and 10th-12th will be at Northview High School.</p> <p>Dothan City School superintendent Dr. Phyllis Edwards said the process has been long and open but she is pleased with the outcome and support.</p> <p>"I'm hopeful that once we get rolling and show people exactly what we're doing in detail and more detail," Edwards said. "A</p>

					<p>lot of this is operational and it's my job as superintendent to do that. I'm hopeful that people will understand that we just want what best for all children."</p> <p>District 6 board member Chris Maddox who voted against the scenario still has questions about the plan.</p> <p>"I'm a little concerned it too much too fast," Maddox said. "The other real sticking point for me was getting rid of all the magnet schools that are currently in place. We got four that are four of the best performing schools in Alabama and now they have all been removed."</p> <p>Dr. Edwards feels that people coming together will make a big impact on the school system moving forward.</p> <p>"There's no doubt that so many people have gifts and talents here," Edwards said. "I do believe that our system can be the best not just in the state of Alabama but the nation."</p> <p>Dr. Edwards said that more details on the decision will be available in the coming months.</p>
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18	New Geneva jail said to cost the community just over nine million dollars	5:00 PM	11/29 /2018	:45	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>GENEVA, Ala. (WDHN) — Over a month ago, Geneva county commissioners along with Sheriff Tony Helms officially broke ground on a new jail. The current jail was built in 1963 and made to hold 49 inmates, however in 2014 voters approved a one-cent sales tax to help fund a new jail that will be able to hold more inmates.</p> <p>The project will cost the community just over \$9,000,000, but the county was able to work with the construction company to cut some costs associated with sub-contractors on the project.</p> <p>Sheriff Helms says the project should be completed in about 18 months. He also says that he hopes the new jail will be ro hold around 155 inmates for max capacity, and will be able to add on up to 175 if needed.</p>

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18	County commissioners working to better infrastructure	5:00 PM	12/10 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>If you ask, many people will say infrastructure in the state is in poor conditions... Well, it may be getting updates soon as the state will soon be addressing the fuel tax in order to help fix roads that are becoming too dangerous to drive on. Over the past several years the counties have gotten close to getting some infrastructure assistance from the state, however, Houston County Commission Chairman Mark Culver says they know that it's needed, but the reason they are not able to do more is because of funding.</p>

					<p>"The talk in Montgomery is, they're going to look at something this year, we don't know what yet, I don't think they know what yet," Culver says, "but we just know it's been a long time since there's been any money to improve the problem, and it's time."</p> <p>People have heard what the issues are and have seen the conditions of the roads themselves, and Culver says he thinks the taste for getting better infrastructure is strong.</p> <p>"Something's got to be done, and it's not just at the county level, it's at the state level," Culver says, "the state doesn't have the money to take care of their roads either, the cost has just surpassed the amount of revenue that's out there to take care of it; so there's been a lot of conversation, and that conversation will continue, and we certainly believe something will take place, we just don't know what it is yet."</p> <p>Culver also says there are a couple of reasons why the infrastructure problem needs to be addressed.</p> <p>"You can start with the safety of school children, school buses all over this state detour millions of miles going around bridges that are posted because a school bus can't cross them," Culver says, "safety, if you need an ambulance at your house, that ambulance needs to be able to get there, it doesn't need to have to detour around because a road is in sad shape."</p> <p>Efforts to address the problem will take place during legislation, which goes into session in March 2019.</p>
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18	DCS Superintendent speaks on recommendatio ns for school principals	5:00 PM	12/14 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) — Dothan School Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Edwards has made her recommendations for principals for each school in the system.</p> <p>Principals at Selma Street Elementary School, Highlands Elementary School, Kelly Springs Elementary School, Hidden Lake Elementary, Beverlye Magnet School, Morris Slingluff Elementary School and Northview High School will remain in place.</p> <p>Girard Elementary and Middle School, Faine Elementary School, Heard Magnet School and Dothan High School will have new principals to lead them.</p> <p>"I've spoken to every principal first, not just once but two or three times before I put that down on paper," Edwards said. "I want to have people who want to go to the places I suggest they be."</p> <p>The next move will be which teachers will serve at the schools. Teachers will be able to submit their top three choices of where they would like to teach at the beginning of 2019.</p>

						<p>"More than likely, that is going to take place in January," said Edwards. "I want teachers to know just like I want parents to know where they're going to be, and I want them to have a hand in the process.</p> <p>"Now I can't guarantee that everybody is gonna get to go where they ask but at (I'll) least try to place them at one of those three choices."</p> <p>Dr. Edwards said the board hasn't made any personnel decisions, and their focus is placing students and rezoning.</p> <p>"Some things that people say that are connected are just not connected and absolutely not the case," Edwards said. "Now, as we go forward, it doesn't matter if we do a restructuring or not. There are always gonna be incidents that as a system that we will deal with. Just because something happens doesn't mean it's connected to this process."</p>
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18	It's never too early to start	5:00 PM	12/18 /2018	4:00	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 6:00 AM	Marc Hall, financial advisor and senior vice president with Ariss Financial Group, talks to Tonya Pruitt about the steps of estate

	your estate planning					planning. For more information, call (334) 699-3620.
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18	Birmingham law firm investigates heart surgery complications in Dothan area	5:00 PM	12/20 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>DOTHAN, Ala.(WDHN) — The law firm of Riley & Jackson, along with Powell Injury Law, is investigating complications from heart surgeries that have led to amputation, infections and even deaths in the Dothan area over several months.</p> <p>WDHN saw a post on Thursday from the Riley and Jackson Law Facebook site asking followers to contact the firm for more information and free consultation.</p> <p>WDHN reached out to Riley and Jackson Law Firm in Birmingham, and they told us that a formal statement would be made available to us later Thursday evening or Friday morning.</p> <p>We also reached out to the local hospitals in our area, Southeast Health and Flowers Hospital for comment and information.</p> <p>Southeast Health said that they had seen the Facebook post but said that they were not aware of any litigation concerning the matter. Flowers Hospital still has not commented.</p>

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18	Elba mayor disappointed in FEMA aid delays	5:00 PM	12/26 /2018	:45	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>ELBA, Ala. (WDHN) — Elba Mayor Mickey Murdoch said he's disgusted with FEMA and its lack of help to those who lost everything to the December flood of 2015.</p> <p>Although the city's downtown district was spared, high water levels from the Pea River ravaged numerous neighborhoods, destroying or damaging more than 100 houses.</p> <p>At the time, FEMA promised help, but Murdoch said those homeowners are still waiting.</p> <p>"We were very disappointed because we were told within six months to a year, people would be getting checks," he said. "Of course, nobody's gotten a check. It's been three years."</p> <p>Murdoch said FEMA is now requesting an archaeological study at affected properties, but he believes that's just another delay to keep the victims from receiving help.</p>

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18	Jewish couple paid to come to Dothan now	5:00 PM	12/27 /2018	1:30	WDHN NEWS 18 AT 5:00	<p>DOTHAN, Ala. (WDHN) — Kenny and Lisa Priddle decided to move from their home in New York to Dothan in 2011 after local millionaire Larry Blumberg offered to pay Jewish families up to \$50,000 to move to Dothan.</p>

	<p>struggle with</p> <p>staying or</p> <p>leaving</p>				<p>The Priddles were one of 11 families who took Blumberg's offer.</p> <p>WDHN reached out to Blumberg by phone, but he was unavailable to speak to us at this time.</p> <p>According to an article done by the Washington Post, Blumberg purpose for this was to maintain a visible Jewish presence in Alabama to ward off anti-Semitism.</p> <p>Now almost 11 years into the program, seven of the eleven families have left Dothan, and the Priddles wonder if they are next.</p> <p>Lately, the Priddles said they've started to feel worn down by the demands of the synagogue here in Dothan, Temple Emanu-El, and they yearn for the vibrant congregation that they left behind.</p> <p>The Priddles also told the Washington Post that they can recount the times when they have faced discrimination in Dothan.</p> <p>"Getting to know the people here in Dothan is very difficult," Dothan resident John Chafin said. "Dothan (is an) old town who have people born and</p>
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						<p>raised here, and there very cliques amongst the people who have been here for years and years and years versus people coming in."</p> <p>The Priddles have agreed to speak with WDHN at a later date and time.</p>
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